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The first "Brandenburg" source was Untersturmführer VON FOERSTER and Untersturmführer MAYER, both Baltic. That was in October 1943 at Berlin. Chorley GARNIER and source had a conversation in October 1944 with Oberst ERHARD, chief of the general staff of the 15th Army Corps at STUTTGART, and he told them that he was working with some BRANDENBURG Division groups. A few days later source met the officers in charge of these groups: X Hauptmann TRÄGER, Oberleutnant SCHMITT (?) and Oberfahnenrich SCHWIBN.

Despite the fact that he was merely an Hauptmann, SCHMITT was without a doubt the head of the group. He is about 1m75 tall; average build but very athletic, brown wavy hair almost black, wears glasses.

SCHWIBN speaks excellent French, known France and the French people. He comes from the PALZ but was a student in Switzerland. His mother is Swiss, from BASEL. He also speaks the Swiss dialect.

He worked especially in the Midi, at MARSEILLE, NIJN, and especially DIGNE. The members of his groups are principally PPF members in German uniform. He doesn't take the SS seriously; he even sent a report to HIMMLER on the behavior and work of the SS in France.

Nowadays "BRANDENBURG" is called "SS JACOBswARNS".

NOTE BY JIGGET:

When informant speaks of "Obersturmführer" and "Untersturmführer in the BRANDENBURG Division in 1943, I think he is in error. At that time the BRANDENBURG Division had nothing to do with either the SS or the SD. It had only the military ranks of the army,

I know Hauptmann SCHWIBN. He was chief of the 9th Co., stationed at AVIGNON. This company was composed largely of Frenchmen (100% EX POLCO and others) and fought the Maquis between AVIGNON and NIJN.

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